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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the creation of a watershed management task  
2 force in order to preserve and enhance state resources.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE. A watershed  
2 management task force is created.

3 1. The purpose of the task force is to study the  
4 feasibility of consolidating soil and water conservation  
5 districts and providing such districts with authority to  
6 administer programs to preserve and enhance the soil and water  
7 resources of this state. The programs shall include those  
8 provided in chapter 161A and may include other programs which  
9 provide for the proper management of soil and water resources,  
10 including but not limited to flood prevention measures, water  
11 quality preservation and enhancement programs, soil  
12 conservation practices, and the installation or maintenance of  
13 related improvements.

14 2. The task force shall be composed of the following  
15 members:

16 a. Six persons who are commissioners of soil and water  
17 conservation districts who shall be appointed by the state  
18 soil conservation committee. The commissioners shall  
19 represent the northwest, north central, northeast, southwest,  
20 south central, and southeast regions of the state.

21 b. Five persons representing counties from diverse regions  
22 of the state who shall be appointed by the Iowa state  
23 association of counties. Three of the persons shall be  
24 members of county conservation boards and two of the persons  
25 shall be county supervisors.

26 c. Three persons representing cities of different sizes  
27 from diverse regions of the state who shall be appointed by  
28 the Iowa league of cities.

29 d. Three persons representing organizations concerned with  
30 natural resources and environmental protection who shall be  
31 appointed by the governor.

32 e. Two persons who are actively engaged in grain farming  
33 who belong to organizations representing agricultural  
34 producers who shall be appointed by the governor.

35 3. The task force shall prepare and deliver a report of

1 its finding and recommendations to the general assembly on or  
2 before January 12, 2005.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill creates a watershed management task force. The  
5 purpose of the task force is to study the feasibility of  
6 consolidating soil and water conservation districts and  
7 providing such districts with authority to administer programs  
8 to preserve and enhance the soil and water resources of this  
9 state.

10 The task force is composed of commissioners of soil and  
11 water conservation districts; persons representing counties  
12 from diverse regions of the state, including members of county  
13 conservation boards; persons representing cities of different  
14 sizes from diverse regions of the state; persons representing  
15 organizations concerned with natural resources and  
16 environmental protection; and persons actively engaged in crop  
17 farming.

18 The task force is required to prepare and deliver a report  
19 of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly on  
20 or before January 12, 2005.

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